

PRESS RELEASE

The Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia have appointed David John Novak United States Magistrate Judge effective February 1, 2012. Judge Novak is replacing Magistrate Judge Dennis Dohnal who has recently retired.

Judge Novak is a native of Pennsylvania and a member of both the Pennsylvania and Virginia Bars. He received his undergraduate degree from St. Vincent College (magna cum laude) in 1983 and his law degree from Villanova University in 1986.

Judge Novak has been a Federal Prosecutor for over 20 years. He joined the United States Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Virginia in 1994, after three (3) years at the United States Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Texas. Judge Novak was a highly decorated Federal Prosecutor, having received numerous awards for his service. He was co-counsel for the prosecution in United States v. Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person convicted, to date, for his role in the September 11 terrorist attacks. From 2009 until his current appointment, Judge Novak served as Chief of the Criminal Division for the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia.